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### **Deadline approaches to submit nominations for two prestigious Governor's awards for employers and workers**

**SACRAMENTO** – Time is running short to submit nominations for either the Governor's Veterans Employer of the Year Awards or the Governor's Older Worker and Exemplary Employer Awards, according to the state Employment Development Department (EDD). Completed nomination forms for these awards must be postmarked by December 31, 2004.

The **Governor's Veterans Employer of the Year Awards** recognize employers who consistently demonstrate positive policies towards U.S. veterans in hiring and promotion, as well as through employee retention efforts, ongoing training, and benefits. Eligibility for these awards is limited to California employers who are in compliance with all national, state, and local laws, and in good standing with the State of California. Individuals, agencies or organizations may submit a nomination with the signed permission of the nominated employer. Employers may also nominate themselves.

For more information or award nomination forms, visit EDD's Web site at [www.edd.ca.gov/edd-vet-er.pdf](http://www.edd.ca.gov/edd-vet-er.pdf), or call (916) 654-7099.

The **2005 Governor's Older Worker and Exemplary Employer Awards** recognize California's outstanding workers age 40 and over, and their employers. These awards honor senior workers who excel beyond their normal duties and employers who demonstrate best practices in hiring and retaining senior workers. The awards acknowledge businesses that have the vision to incorporate energetic, experienced, and knowledgeable older workers into their workforce.

Employers may nominate their employees, their own business, or that of a well-deserving competitor. For more information or award nomination forms, visit EDD's Web site at [www.edd.ca.gov/swaorep/swaocu909.pdf](http://www.edd.ca.gov/swaorep/swaocu909.pdf), or contact the Senior Worker Advocate Office at (916) 654-6502.

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